

how to: be rich

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1 TIMOTHY 6:19 (P. 831)

Week of October 7, 2012 • Message 4

Leader, before starting this week's discussion, pass out a small slip of paper to each family. Each family should write an estimate of their total gross monthly income on the paper but not put their name on it. Take the slips of paper, and add the totals to come up with a "Group Wealth" number. We'll use that at the end.

Review

- **Feeling** rich depends on where I draw my contentment line.
- I **am** rich because God has blessed me.
- I will not **trust** in my riches but in the One who richly provides.
- I have what I have so I might **do good**.
- Living this way brings **eternal treasure** and **heavenly life**.

Which week's lesson has impacted you the most and why?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19 and then Luke 12:13-34

What parallels do you see between these two passages?

What was the rich man's problem and how is that problem evident today?

Verses 22-34 seem to be Jesus' explanation of what it means to be rich toward God. In your group, go around the room one person at a time and have each person identify one idea from those verses that may explain being rich toward God.

What does it mean to be rich toward God? As a group, try to create one sentence that summarizes Jesus' teaching.

Everyone should take a moment to write an end to this sentence before sharing their answer with the group: **To be counted rich toward God, we should ...**

Take it Home

When it comes to money and wealth, is there anything in your life that needs to change?

Group Think

Considering your "Group Wealth," is there something your group could be doing together to be rich toward God? Is there a need within your group that the group could meet?

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